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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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### SHEEP AND LAMB PRICES FALL

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during April was 124 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 3 points (2 percent) from March and down 9 points (7 percent) from April 2005.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 127, was down 3 points (2 percent) from March and down 10 points (7 percent) from April 2005. All livestock prices were down from last month and last year. Cow prices averaged 50 cents below March and \$9.30 lower than April 2005. Steer and heifer prices were \$1.00 below last month and \$4.00 below last year's price. Calf prices were \$10.00 lower than March and \$11.00 lower than April 2005. Sheep prices were the lowest since June 2004 when the price was \$30.60 per hundredweight. This month's price was \$2.50 below March and \$16.00 below last year's price. Lamb prices were the lowest since July 2003 when the price was \$89.20. The April price is \$6.60 below last month and \$25.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 107, was down 1 point (1 percent) from March and down 4 points (4 percent) from April last year. Prices for corn were higher than last month, while dry beans were lower. All other crops remained unchanged. Prices were higher for corn, oats, all wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay compared with April 2005. Dry beans were down from last year, while feed barley remained unchanged. Corn was up 5 cents from March and up 32 cents from April 2005. Oats was unchanged from last month but was up 10 cents from last year. Feed barley was unchanged from last month and last year at this time. Wheat was unchanged from March but up 47 cents from last April. Dry beans were 50 cents lower than March and down \$10.80 from last year. Alfalfa hay and other hay were unchanged from April but up \$3.00 and \$5.00, respectively, from last year's prices.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (1 percent) from March. The Crop Index was up 11 points (9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 6 points (6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, onions and strawberries. Lower prices were received for broilers, cattle, eggs, and hogs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of strawberries, cattle, sweet corn, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 6 points (5 percent) from April 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 117, increased 1 point (1 percent) from last month but decreased 8 points (6 percent) from April 2005.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, APRIL 2005, MARCH 2006, AND APRIL 15, 2006 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		APRIL 2005	MARCH 2006	APRIL 15 2006	APRIL 2005	MARCH 2006	APRIL 15 2006	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	60.80	52.00	51.50	57.00	49.50	48.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	111.00	108.00	107.00	98.00	93.00	89.70	—
Calves	100#	144.00	143.00	133.00	141.00	138.00	136.00	51
Sheep	100#	48.00	34.50	32.00	45.10	39.50	1/	—
Lambs	100#	115.00	96.60	90.00	114.00	91.10	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.23	2.50	2.55	2.00	2.06	2.11	27
Oats	Bu.	1.50	1.60	1.60	1.65	1.81	1.72	40
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.56	1.80	1.74	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.25	3.72	3.72	3.35	3.79	3.90	37
Dry Beans	100#	27.80	17.50	17.00	28.70	17.10	19.40	35
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	74.00	77.00	77.00	105.00	100.00	110.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	68.00	73.00	73.00	81.60	86.60	93.20	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.								
<b>NOTE:</b> Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
<b>INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS &amp; RANCHERS, WYOMING &amp; U.S.</b>								
<b>1990-92 = 100</b>		<b>WYOMING</b>			<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
		<b>APRIL 2005</b>	<b>MARCH 2006</b>	<b>APRIL 15 2006</b>	<b>APRIL 2005</b>	<b>MARCH 2006</b>	<b>APRIL 15 2006</b>	
<b>All Commodities</b>		133	127	124	121	114	115	
<b>All Crops</b>		111	108	107	120	118	129	
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>		137	130	127	122	110	104	

## LIVESTOCK CASH RECEIPTS DOWN 15 PERCENT IN WYOMING

**WYOMING:** Wyoming stock growers received \$776.0 million in cash receipts from cattle, sheep, and hog sales during 2005, down 15 percent from the previous year's \$911.4 million but up 13 percent from 2003. The decline was led by a decrease in marketings of cattle and hogs. **Cattle and calf** marketing receipts, at \$718.8 million, accounted for 93 percent of the total receipts. Cattle receipts were down 16 percent from 2004. The average price for calves marketed was up \$10.00 per 100 pounds live weight (cwt.) to \$140.00, and cattle prices increased \$3.20 to \$102.00 per cwt. However, quantity marketed was down 19 percent. The 2005 calf crop was down 1 percent from 2004.

**Hog and pig** sales in 2005 totaled \$27.1 million, down 4 percent from last year. Marketings decreased 6 percent from 2004. The average price increased by 20 cents from \$46.40 per cwt. in 2004 to \$46.60 in 2005. The 2005 pig crop was 2 percent larger than in 2004.

Cash receipts for **sheep and lambs** marketed in 2005 totaled \$30.1 million, up 9 percent from 2004. The pounds of sheep and lambs marketed increased 8 percent to 30.9 million pounds. The average price for lambs marketed was up \$7.00 per cwt. to \$121.00. Sheep prices increased \$5.60 to \$45.90 per cwt. The lamb crop was unchanged from 2004.

**UNITED STATES: Total 2005 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased 4 percent to \$64.8 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for all cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up for all three species.

**Cattle and calf** cash receipts from marketings increased from \$47.5 billion in 2004 to \$49.2 billion in 2005, a 4 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.1 billion pounds in 2005, down 2 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.70, an increase of \$3.90 from 2004. For calves, the annual average price increased from \$119.00 to \$135.00.

**Hog and pig** cash receipts totaled \$15.0 billion during 2005, up 5 percent from 2004. Marketings totaled 28.5 billion pounds in 2005, up 3 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$49.30 in 2004 to \$50.20 in 2005.

**Sheep and lambs** cash receipts in 2005 were \$570 million, up 10 percent from 2004. Marketings increased slightly to 571 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$38.80 in 2004 to \$45.10 in 2005, while for lambs the annual average price increased from \$101.00 to \$110.00.

### MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, WYOMING 2004-05

Year	Production 1/	Marketings 2/	Average Price per 100 lbs.		Value of Production	Cash Receipts 3/	Gross Income 4/
1,000 Pounds			Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
Cattle and Calves			(Cattle)	(Calves)			
2004	588,300	838,155	98.80	130.00	596,546	855,676	866,193
2005	564,261	675,560	102.00	140.00	593,737	718,833	729,748
Sheep and Lambs			(Sheep)	(Lambs)			
2004	28,501	28,540	40.30	114.00	27,311	27,574	27,887
2005	27,912	30,878	45.90	121.00	27,588	30,126	30,453
Hogs and Pigs							
2004	54,201	53,320	46.40		28,508	28,176	28,729
2005	50,826	50,268	46.60		27,247	27,052	27,596
Total Meat Animals							
2004	671,002	920,015	—	—	652,365	911,426	922,809
2005	642,999	756,706			648,572	776,011	787,797

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

4/ Gross income includes value of home consumption.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.74 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.0 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

**Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004.

**Other disappearance** totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

## CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, APR, 2005-2006 1/

State	On Feed Mar 1, 2006	Place- ments Mar 2006	Market- ings Mar 2006	Other Disapp. Mar 2006	On Feed Apr 1, 2006	On Feed Apr 1, 2005
Thousand Head						
CO	1,090	155	165	10	1,070	1,020
KS	2,610	480	470	30	2,590	2,340
NE	2,450	335	370	15	2,400	2,260
TX	3,010	485	540	15	2,940	2,620
Oth Sts.	2,863	382	413	20	2,812	2,633
U.S.	12,023	1,837	1,958	90	11,812	10,873

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## U.S. Red Meat Production Up From Last Year

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during March 2006 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 12 percent from the previous month's production and down 20 percent from March 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in March, down 200 from last year. Total live weight was 609,000 pounds, down 22 percent from March 2005. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,190 pounds, up 37 pounds from last year.

A total of 400 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, down 100 head from last March. Total live weight, at 109,000 pounds, was down 8 percent from March 2005. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 269 pounds, up 15 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in March, unchanged from February 2005. Live weight totaled 14,000 pounds, up 17 percent from March 2005. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 127 pounds, down 10 pounds from a year earlier.

**Red Meat production** from January to March 2006 totaled 1.5 million pounds, down 12 percent from the same period last year.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in March, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in March 2005.

**Beef production**, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 5 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year to 1,273 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, 3 percent above March 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from March 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 249,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 6 pounds from March a year ago.

**January to March 2006 commercial red meat production** was 11.5 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2005 AND 2006, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	% 06/05	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	% 06/05
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	700	500	783	609	78	2,725,100	2,852,400	3,369,749	3,630,357	108
Hogs	500	400	119	109	92	8,949,700	9,234,100	2,423,674	2,510,925	104
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	12	14	117	280,100	249,700	38,819	36,327	94

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## U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 12 PERCENT

**WYOMING:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from both 2005 and 2004. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season. Production changes for major states include: Kansas down 16 percent, Washington up 1 percent, Oklahoma down 47 percent, Texas down 63 percent, and Montana down 13 percent. Forecasts are no longer made for Wyoming.

Hard Red production forecast is down 23 percent from a year ago to 715 million bushels. Soft Red is up 15 percent to 356 million bushels. White production totals 252 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 21.7 million bushels are Hard White and 230 million bushels are Soft White.

## WYOMING HAY STOCKS NEAR LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** Hay stocks on Wyoming farms and ranches totaled 380,000 tons as of May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from the same time last year. Stocks were down 21 percent from 2 years earlier but were still nearly double the supply on hand May 1, 2003. The 2005 hay crop was up 7 percent from 2004. Hay disappearance from December 1, 2005 - May 1, 2006, totaled 1.40 million tons, down 5 percent from the same periods in the last two years.

**UNITED STATES:** All hay stored on farms May 1, 2006 totaled 21.3 million tons, down 23 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2005 - May 1, 2006, totaled 83.7 million tons, 3 percent less than the disappearance of 86.8 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

WINTER WHEAT, 2005 AND MAY 1, 2006 FORECAST, SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1/							
State	Acres Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	% 2006/2005
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	27.0	52,800	54,000	102
Idaho	730	710	91.0	90.0	66,430	63,900	96
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	34.0	380,000	319,600	84
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	42.0	94,500	81,900	87
Nebraska	1,760	1,650	39.0	38.0	68,640	62,700	91
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	128,000	68,200	53
South Dakota	1,490	1,250	44.0	45.0	65,560	56,250	86
Texas	3,000	1,300	32.0	27.0	96,000	35,100	37
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	120,600	122,400	101
UNITED STATES	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	1,499,129	1,322,831	88

1/ May 1 forecast for Wyoming no longer made